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1. TURKISH MINISTRY OF CUSTOMS AND MONOPOLIES HAS PROPOSED
FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL CANDIDATE FOR FEBRUARY 1977 CUSTOMS
COURSE:

YUNUS NADI KURAL, CHIEF ASSISTANT TO GENERAL DIRECTOR,
INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS DIVISION, MINISTRY OF CUSTOMS AND
MONOPOLIES. BORN IN ARTVIN, TURKEY, 1942. GRADUATE OF
ACADEMY OF ECONOMIC AND TRADE SCIENCES, ISTANBUL, 1965.
BECAME INSPECTOR IN CUSTOMS MINISTRY IN 1968, MOVED TO
PRESENT POSITION IN 1976. HAS HAD STME TRAINING IN GERMANY
AND SPEAKS GERMAN.

2. ACCORDING TO THE MINISTRY, KURAL IS TO BE THE DIRECTOR
OF THE COUNTER-NARCOTICS TRAINING CENTER TO BE SET UP BY THE
MINISTRY; HOWEVER, HE WAS NOT AMONG INITIAL CANDIDATES FOR THE
COURSE IN WASHINGTON DUE TO A CONFLICTING CONFERENCE WHICH
HE HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO ATTEND BUT WHICH HAS SINCE BEEN
CANCELLED. MINISTRY STRONGLY EXPRESSED HOPE THAT KURAL AS
WELL AS PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED THREE CANDIDATES WOULD ALL BE
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ACCOMMODATED, INCLUDING AIR FARE AS AUTHORIZED IN REF B.
MINISTRY STATES THAT INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF FOR TRAINING CENTER,
WHO INITIALLY WILL PROBABLY ROTATE BETWEEN TEACHING
AND FIELD RESPONSIBILITIES (AS WELL AS CONDUCTING COURSES
IN THE FIELD), WERE CHOSEN TO PROVIDE AS BROAD AS POSSIBLE
A REPRESENTATION OF FUNCTIONAL SPECIALTIES AS WELL AS OF
REGIONS MOST INVOLVED IN ANTI-SMUGGLING EFFORTS AND THEREFORE

HOPES THAT ENTIRE GROUP COULD BE INCLUDED IN INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT COURSE. IF ONLY THREE PARTICIPANTS CAN BE ACCOMMODATED, MINISTRY RELUCTANTLY AGREES TO DELETE CEMAL ERBAY IN ORDER TO ADD KURAL.

3. THE FOUR NAMES NOW NOMINATED BY GOT CONSTITUTE ALL OF THE OFFICERS OF THE FUTURE TRAINING CENTER AND THE NOMINATION OF KURAL APPEARS TO BE MADE IN GOOD FAITH. WHILE AWARE THAT FUNDING OF TRAVEL FOR OTHER TURKISH PARTICIPANTS HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED ON AN EXCEPTIONAL BASIS, THE EMBASSY FEELS THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MINISTRY'S COUNTER-NARCOTICS TRAINING CENTER ON A FIRM BASIS, AS WELL AS THE STRENGTHENING OF NEWLY DEVELOPED U.S.-TURKISH CUSTOMS COOPERATION, IS IN THE U.S. INTEREST. EMBASSY THEREFORE RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE FUNDING FOR TRAVEL OF YUNUS NADI KURAL FOR PARTICIPATION IN CUSTOMS COURSE.
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